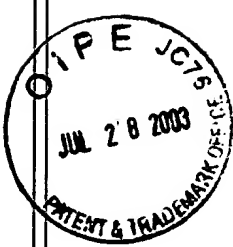


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JANUARY 27, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the fact that a continuation application claiming priority to the above-identified application is being filed concurrently with this Communication in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A response to the January 27, 2003 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application was originally due April 27, 2003. A request for a three-month extension of time and appropriate fee, extending the due date to July 27, 2003, accompany this Communication. Accordingly, the above-identified application and

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the continuation application being filed concurrently with this
Communication are co-pending.

Respectfully submitted,

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